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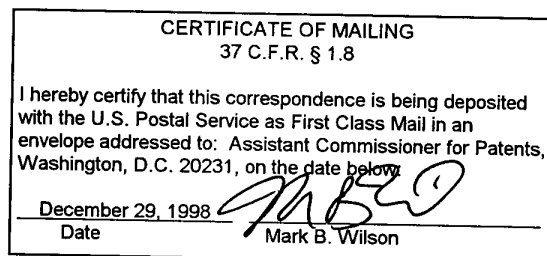
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RE: SN 08/455,683 "OPIOID RECEPTORS: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS"
Bell et al. (Client Ref.: UCHI:437)

Sir:

Please find enclosed:

1. Notice of Appeal from the Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences;
2. Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Final Office Action dated June 29, 1998;
3. Check in the amount of \$585.00 in payment of the required filing fee for the Notice of Appeal for a small entity (\$150.00) and the Request for Extension of Time (3 months) for a small entity (\$435.00); and
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